REMARKS

By the above amendment, the specification has been amended to refer to the prior U.S. Provisional Application and Japanese application. Claims 24 - 27 have been amended to delete multiple claim dependency, and no estoppel should be deemed to be associated with this amendment. Claims 1, 6, 7, 15, and 21 – 23 have been cancelled to reduce the initial filing fees and no estoppel should be deemed to be associated with this amendment.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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